in the Police Diary one can understand that. If not, how can it be claimed as a privileged document?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That will be a report of a confidential nature since it comes from one officer to another officer. Under several sections of the Evidence Act privilege is granted to these papers. It depends upon several circumstances.

President.—I do not think we need go into a long discussion of the Evidence Act.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—It is difficult to understand that all police records are privileged documents. Of course we can understand that Police Diaries are privileged documents. A ruling of this nature will create a precedent and therefore we think that we must not allow it to go unchallenged. We do not think that the police papers in connection with the arrest, trial and conviction are privileged papers.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are we to understand that all Police Diaries are privileged papers?

President.—All papers referred to in this particular question are privileged papers.

167. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the conviction of Mr. Cherian Manjuran, will the Government be pleased to state whether it is their policy to punish a citizen for his opinions?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No. Unless it is objectionable and constitutes an offence under the law.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the offence committed by him?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Delivering seditious speeches.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know where exactly the sedition is located?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have answered this question in another connection. The extracts are not in my possession now.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you please place the extracts on the table?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It will be considered.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Favourably or unfavourably?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Will be considered.

168. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government say whether in cases like that of Mr. Cherian Manjuran counter-propaganda through their expert orators and publications will not be a sufficient method of preserving their safety, peace and prestige?

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